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Miss Peggy Evans  
Director of Public Relations  
Intercounty Savings and Loan Association  
8623 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Evans:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 August inviting me to participate in your American Roundtable Program in Philadelphia on 16 September.

I regret that I shall not be able to accept your very kind invitation. In view of my many official commitments and heavy work schedule, I have had to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools with an infrequent outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this particular occasion and would like to take this opportunity to wish you success in your program.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

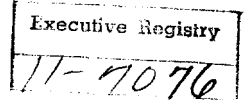
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8623 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 18, Pa.

August 19, 1959

Mr. Allen Welsh Dulles,  
 Director Central Intelligence  
 2430 E Street NW  
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Intercounty Savings and Loan Association, with four offices in the Philadelphia area, is sponsoring a unique public service program entitled "An American Roundtable", September 16, 1959, 7-10 p.m. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for local business leaders in the metropolitan Philadelphia area, to meet and talk with national leaders in informal roundtable discussions.

Specifically, we are inviting 100 nationally recognized leaders in various fields. Locally, 500 Philadelphia area business leaders are expected to be guests. The local businessmen will indicate with whom of the national leaders they would like to meet and talk.

The program will begin with all the national leaders on the stage. They will be introduced by a well-known television news commentator. At one end of the stage will be a panel of newspaper, television and radio reporters. A half-hour press conference will be conducted in front of the audience between the reporters and national leaders, with the television news commentator acting as moderator.

Following the press conference, the national leaders will be assigned to individual discussion groups among the audience. It is suggested that the national leaders speak informally for 10 or 15 minutes in their individual groups and then submit to questions from the local business leaders.

We will be honored if you will participate as one of the national leaders.

Our "American Roundtable" program is being conducted in connection with a week-long celebration marking the opening of Intercounty's new main office building at Bethlehem Pike and Germantown Avenue in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. This historic location is the highest point in the Philadelphia County. The "American Roundtable", however, will be in the Water Tower Recreation Center, Hartwell Avenue and Ardleigh Street, Philadelphia. May we have your reply as soon as possible?

Very truly yours

Miss Peggy Evans  
 Director of Public Relations

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